



## LOS ANGELES COUNTY REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT

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September 11, 2012

The Honorable Board of Directors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 West Temple Street  
Los Angeles, California 90012

**ADOPTED**

REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT

1-P      October 9, 2012

*Sachi A. Hamai*  
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SECRETARY

Dear Directors:

**APPROVE THE REVISED SCOPE AND GRANTEE FOR THE CITY OF COMPTON FOR THE  
COMPTON CREEK REGIONAL GARDEN PARK BIKE TRAIL CONNECTION PROJECT  
(SECOND DISTRICT) (3 VOTES)**

**SUBJECT**

Approval of the recommended actions will remove the now inactive Friends of Compton Creek as a grantee for the Compton Creek Regional Garden Park Bike Trail Connection Project and allow the City of Compton to revise the scope of the project since the original project's scope has been completed with other funds.

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:**

1. Certify that the Board, as a responsible agency under the California Environmental Quality Act has independently considered and reached its own conclusions regarding the environmental effects of the proposed project and the Mitigated Negative Declaration and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program adopted by the City of Compton, as lead agency on June 8, 2011; determine that the documents adequately address the environmental impacts of the proposed project; find that your Board has complied with the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act with respect to the process for a responsible agency and adopt by reference the City's Mitigated Negative Declaration and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program.
2. Approve the City of Compton's request to remove the inactive Friends of Compton Creek as a grantee for the Compton Creek Regional Garden Park Bike Trail Connection Project.
3. Approve the City of Compton's request to revise the Compton Creek Regional Garden Park Bike Trail Connection Project to complete the final mile of the trail and make other improvements at the

trail's terminus.

### **PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

Approval of the recommended actions will adopt the Mitigated Negative Declaration and the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program, remove the inactive Friends of Compton Creek as a grantee from the Compton Creek Regional Garden Park Bike Trail Connection Project and allow the City of Compton (City) to revise the scope of the Project.

On August 15, 2006, your Board approved the award of \$2,571,183 in Competitive Excess Funds for 6 trail projects in the Baldwin Hills in the Second Supervisorial District. Among them, the City of Compton and the Friends of Compton Creek were the recipients of \$500,000 for the Compton Creek Regional Garden Park Bike Trail Connection Project. The scope of the Project your Board approved consisted of enhancements to the bike trail crossing at Greenleaf Boulevard, improvements to 130 linear meters of existing trail and construction of approximately 1,425 linear meters of bike trail along Compton Creek to connect the Compton Bike Trail to the Los Angeles County South Compton Creek Bike Trail. The City completed the scope of the original Project as part of the City's Trails Master Plan utilizing City and County of Los Angeles funding from the Metropolitan Transit Authority.

The City's proposed revised scope for the Project remains a component of the City's Trails Master Plan and consists of the engineering and construction of the final segment of the multipurpose trail beginning just south of Greenleaf Boulevard and continuing south and along Auto Plaza Drive where it will connect to the sidewalk at Gateway Towne Center adjacent to a Best Buy store. The Project also includes development of a sand pit for volleyball, installation of outdoor fitness equipment and landscaping, signage and lighting adjacent to Auto Plaza Drive near the Home Depot store.

### **Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

The recommended action will further the Board-approved County Strategic Plan Goals of Operational Effectiveness (Goal 1) and Integrated Services Delivery (Goal 3) by enhancing safe and accessible recreational and health-promoting opportunities along Compton Creek in the City of Compton in the Second Supervisorial District.

### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

The Project will be completed with \$500,000 in Second District Competitive Excess Funds previously awarded.

Sufficient appropriation for the grant, in the amount of \$500,000, is budgeted in the Second Supervisorial District portion of the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District Excess Funds Project Fund, HD6.

### **FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

If your Board denies the recommended actions, the grantee may request your Board's approval to transfer the \$500,000 to a different project or relinquish claim to these grant funds.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION**

On June 8, 2011, the City Council of Compton, in its role as lead agency in matters pertaining to

compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) adopted a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) and a Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program (MMRP) and determined that, with the imposition of mitigation measures as a condition of approval of the proposed project, there was no substantial evidence that the project would have a significant effect on the environment; found that the MND reflected the independent judgment of the City; approved the MND; and found that the project will have no adverse effect on fish and wildlife resources. The MMRP will be implemented and monitored by the City.

With respect to your Board's approval of the project described herein, the County also acts as a responsible agency for the purposes of CEQA, and therefore, we recommend that your Board independently consider and adopt the Mitigated Negative Declaration and the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program.

### **CONTRACTING PROCESS**

A Grant Project Agreement Amendment will be entered into and administered under authority delegated to the Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation and pursuant to the Procedural Guide approved by the Board in 2009 only if all applicable conditions of the grant have been met. The Project Agreement Amendment will be approved as to form by County Counsel.

### **IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

These actions will have no impact on any other projects funded by the District but are required so that the City of Compton may proceed with the trail improvement project in the Second Supervisorial District, if all applicable conditions are met.

### **CONCLUSION**

Please instruct the Executive Officer-Clerk of the Board to return one adopted copy of this letter to the Chief Executive Office, Capital Projects/Debt Management Division, and one to the Department of Parks and Recreation.

Respectfully submitted,



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Director

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c: Chief Executive Office  
County Counsel  
Executive Office, Board of Supervisors